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INTIMATIONS

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
DAVIS & D'ANGELIS LESSONS.
THIS EVENING (SATURDAY),
the 19th January, 1884.
GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
TO
Miss FLORENCE CONLIFFE.
THE LOFTUS TROUPE,
ASSISTED BY

LAST PERFORMANCE IN HONGKONG
OF
L. A. MASCOTTE.
CHANGE OF CAST.
TRITELLINI—(Crown & Miss FLORENCE
Prince of Pisa)..... 1. CONIETTE.
LAURENT XVII—Duke of M. JEFF. DAN.

VITO—A Shopkeeper.....	Mr. F. W. OAKLAND
KOOCO—A Farmer.....	Mr. C. J. BARBER
LATHRO—An Inn keeper	GENTLEMAN AMATEUR.
PASAPANTE—A Sergeant	Do. do.
ITO—A Bohemian	Do. do.
IARCO—Ditto	Do. do.
VISEPPE—A Peasant.....	Do. do.
LIAMMETTA—Lawson's Daughter.....	Miss MINNIE NORTH.
BETTY—A Country Girl.....	Miss VICTORIA LORTUS.
Girl—La Masotte.....	LOFTUS.
Page.....	Miss DOLLY LOFTUS.
PAOLA—A Peasant.....	Miss "FRASDYSON."
PHORUS OF PRASANTS.....	SOLDIERS, HUNTERS,
MEAN, and VILLAGERS.	

ROCCO'S FARM.—SPRING.
 ACT 2.
 LAURENT'S PALACE.—SUMMER.
 ACT 3.
 THE CAMP OF PRINCE FRITELLINI—
 MID-WINTER.
 AT THE FOOT OF THE APENNINES.

NEW SCENERY, by Mr. C. J. BARBER.
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Instrumental Music under the Direction of

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22ND.
Complimentary Benefit of
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Comic Opera,
LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,
BY DISTINGUISHED AMATEURS
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LOFTUS TROUPE.

THURSDAY, the 24th January,
Benefit of

The Two Roses.
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18th January, 1884. [15]

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the 25th instant, at SEVEN P.M. SPOONHILL
desirous of attending will please send the
names to the Undersigned, for submission to the
Committee before the EVENING of the 21st
instant, after which date the list will close.

A. D. MACTAVISH,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.
18th January, 1884.

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until the 31st January, 1884, for SALVATION
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about SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, sunk in the
North of Hoishan Islands, about 18 fathoms

The Tenders will be forwarded to Shanghai for acceptance.
CHINA MERCHANTS S. N. Co.
18th January, 1884. [15]

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The issue for 1884 will be the

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the Directory proper and in the Appendix. The

ports in Cochin, the Malay States, &c., have been

added to the former; whilst the latter includes

in addition to the usual contents, the Treaty

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to the Council or not, which question was not

raised in the Governor's telegram to which

his own was a reply. He then comes to the

main point raised in the resolutions passed

in the Council and in the protest, viz., who

the circumstances may arise which would

justify the Executive authority in acting on

its own responsibility in questions involving

an expenditure of public money, subject to

the subsequent approval or disapproval of

the Legislative Council. On this Lord

Dunlop writes: "I need not say that, except

in minor matters, only exceptional circum-

stances of a specially urgent nature, the oc-

currence of which would probably be very

rare, could justify such a course, but, subject

to this reservation, it cannot, in my opinion,

be denied that such circumstances may arise,

and that in a case of that kind, in which

high public interests were involved, it

would not only be the right, but the duty

of the Executive to accept the responsibility

thus thrown upon them." With regard to

the particular transaction in question,

Lord Dunlop understands that the Go-

vernment formed the opinion that to have

delayed arranging for the purchase of the

land until it could have obtained the

approval of the Legislative Council would

have probably necessitated the payment,

eventually, of a much higher price for the

land than if purchased at once, and says:—

"As I cannot but accept the opinion which

you have formed, it appears to me that you

were justified in the exceptional course which

you took in the public interest." The prin-

ciple is, however, clearly established that

except in cases of extreme urgency the Ex-

ecutive is not justified in expending the pub-

lic money without the previous sanction of

the Legislative Council, and it behoves the

unofficial members of our own Legislative

Council to see that this principle is not in-

fringed. We do not say this because we ap-

prehend any danger of infringement during

the present administration, but trifling irregu-

larities like that in connection with the re-

grant to St. Joseph's College (for which, by

the way, the Secretary of State seems to have

chiefly responsible) are apt to create objec-

tions, which may be acted upon by some

future time in a way that cannot be

foreseen. Lord Dunlop concludes his dis-

patch as follows:—"I have to add that,

while unable, for the reasons which I have

stated, to accept as applicable to the present

case, the view taken by the members who

signed the protest, I fully appreciate their

anxiety to guard the rights of the Council in

relation to the public expenditure." This is

a clear and satisfactory recognition of the

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ble to Hongkong as to Singapore. In the

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the application come before the Council in

the first instance; it is not the grant itself

that is objected to, but the manner in

which it was made; nor is there any

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What in fact His Excellency appears to be

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munity to trust everything to his person-

ally, and all will be well with them. This

is simply an impossibility in any English

community." At present this colony is

enjoying a regime of comparative liberty;

our next governor may be inclined to play

the role of paternal despot; but under any

circumstances it is the clear duty of the un-

official members to keep a firm hold on the

purse strings of the colony.

It will be seen from her report in our shipping

column that the British steamer *Edwin*, which

arrived here yesterday, experienced severe

weather on her passage between Sydney and

Brisbane.

The Surabaya *Handelblad* has been informed

that a vessel had been reported to be wrecked

in the other country, that they will form a

company with a capital of 25 million guilders

for growing coffee on waste land in Java. An

other company for the same purpose has also

been established in Holland with a capital of

about 10 million guilders. It is probable

that this information is correct. It may be in-

ferred from the fact that the three vessels

mentioned, which, by the way, are beginning

to have greater confidence in plantation enter-

prise in Java.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 17th January.

THE RISING IN THE SOUDAN.

Latest advices from Egypt state that Baker

Pasha maintains the base of his operations

against the Mahdi at Masawah, the

Abyssinians in that neighbourhood having

assumed a friendly attitude.

"CASTLE" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

A crowded house assembled on Thursday

night to witness the production of Robertson's

popular comedy "Castle" at the Theatre Royal,

City Hall, by the Loftus Troupe, powerfully

supported by amateurs, all the male characters

but one being taken by local historians. The

production was a complimentary benefit tendered

to Mr. C. J. Barber, and the assistance rendered

by the amateurs, no less than the large and

fashionable attendance, testified to the high

appreciation of the Colony of the talents of

this rising young actor. "Castle," if not in-

trinsically the best, is the best of Robertson's

comedies, and its popularity has never waned.

It is amusing all through, and provided the

performers are up to the mark, the interest

of the audience is always maintained from be-

ginning to end. The characters are true to nature

and at the same time violent contrasts are

grouped together on the stage, resulting in several

dramatic situations, produced without any

straining after effect. The dialogue is not

particularly brilliant, but it is thoroughly

natural, and the smart things put into the

mouth of the Secretary of State seem to have

been chiefly responsible for the success of the

production. The play may be acted upon by

some future time in a way that cannot be

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MAILS EXPECTED

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The S. & O. steamer *Assam*, with the next mail, left Singapore at 10 p.m. on the 15th inst. and is due here on the 20th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The S. & O. steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail of the 22nd December, left Yokohama on the 15th, and is due here on the 31st inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The two direct steamers, with the first sale of the month, left Singapore on the 15th inst. and the next Indian mail, left Calcutta on the 16th January, and may be looked for here about the 2nd February.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
 N. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Cumpra* left on the 1st, and is due here on or about the 1st inst.
 Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer left Singapore on the morning of the 1st, and is due here on or about the 20th inst.
 Union Line steamer *Glenroy* left Singapore the 14th, and is due here on or about the 1st inst.
 B. L. steamer *Bendalor* left Singapore the 13th, and is due here on or about the 1st inst.
 D. D. E. steamer *Peronia* left Singapore the 16th, and is due here on or about the 1st inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Packet, carrying Passengers
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inst, with Mails for the United Kingdom,
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 day, with mails for the United Kingdom,
 and places beyond, via Naples: to
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 the Austro-Hungarian Colonies, Pondiché,
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